



Georgia CTSA Request for Proposals Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design Grants

Georgia CTSA's Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design (BERD) program is soliciting proposals to support novel methodological research in biostatistics, epidemiology, or health services research and related areas to advance clinical and translational research (CTR). Review criteria include: (i.) quantitative methodological research to fill gaps in CTR; (ii.) innovation; (iii.) feasibility; and (iv.) plans for dissemination and translation of results. Awardees are encouraged to disseminate any software developed in their research to relevant publicly available software repositories. *New investigators are encouraged to apply; meritorious applications from new investigators will be prioritized for funding.*

The overall purpose of the [Georgia CTSA](#) is to deliver scientific and systems change that solve the many outstanding problems limiting the efficiency, effectiveness and reach of clinical and translational research (CTR), and thus deliver more treatments to more patients more quickly across the country.

Funding - As many as two awards of up to \$20,000 each in total direct costs. The total number of awards to be made is variable based on merit, funds requested, and BERD budget. Indirect costs will be added after the awards have been made.

Eligibility – Full-time faculty from Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia may submit proposals. One proposal may be submitted per faculty member. Proposals involving collaborations among Georgia CTSA partners are encouraged. Junior faculty are encouraged to apply. Any faculty member who has a current grant with overlapping aims is not eligible to apply. Sub-contracts to Georgia CTSA-affiliated entities such as Children's Healthcare of Atlanta are allowed with justification.

UGA applicants must notify the Assistant Director of the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research (OIBR), Kim Cherewick, of their intention to submit a pilot grant application. The Owens Institute will provide extensive pre-award proposal support in addition to important communication (to candidate and their department) about internal procedures related to Georgia CTSA. Contact info: Kimberly Silvis Cherewick, ksilvis@uga.edu, (706) 542-6078.

Note: All pilot project recipients will be eligible for the **Georgia CTSA Award of Distinction in Team Science** – "To further promote collaboration, the Georgia CTSA Executive Oversight Council will award an annual Award of Distinction in Team Science during their annual meeting to Georgia CTSA investigators who, through their multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary collaborations, have made a profound impact in CTR."

Timeline

April 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM – proposals due

Early May 2024 – applicant award notification

August 1, 2024 – earliest anticipated pilot grant start date

July 31, 2025 – pilot grant end date

No-Cost Extensions will not be allowed

Application Information

Applicants should submit the following materials using the [online application](#) **no later than 5:00 PM** (no exceptions) **on Friday, April 12, 2024:**

Each of the following items should be uploaded as PDF documents. (Please avoid scanning text documents to create PDFs.)

- Title Page
 - Must include title of the proposal
 - PI name, degree(s), title(s) and institution
 - Indicate if PI is a new investigator who has not previously received funding from NIH as PI on a competitive grant
 - Research teams' names, degrees, titles and institutions
- Summary/Abstract (500 words maximum)
- Specific Aims: *Maximum one page.*
 - [Specific Aims instructions](#)
- Research Strategy: Must include sections for Significance, Innovation, and Approach. *Maximum 3 pages. References not included in page limit.*
 - [Research Strategy instructions](#)
- Revised applications should include responses from the previous review. *Maximum 1 page.*
- Biosketches: Include NIH-style biosketches for key personnel. Please use [this template](#).
 - [Biosketch instructions](#)
- IRB or IACUC Approval Letter OR select the appropriate response from choices in the online form. **IRB or IACUC protocols must have been submitted prior to submission of this pilot award application. Funding will not be disbursed without IRB/IACUC approval.** IRB/IACUC approval for proposals selected for funding must be received by June 17, 2024.
- Projected budget* using this [template](#).
 - A separate budget page should be submitted for each institution that will incur costs on behalf of this project.
 - Funding Limits and Budgeting Requirements
 - Awards will be up to \$20,000 in total direct costs. The total number of awards to be made is variable based on merit, funds requested, and BERD budget. Budgets must be in [this format](#). Please submit one budget page per institution.
 - It is not required that the PI request salary and fringe. The current federal fringe for your home institution should be applied. The NIH salary cap applies.
 - Funds may be requested for salaries for faculty, study staff, students, post-doctoral fellows, and other study-related personnel. Funds may also be requested for research lab supplies.
 - Funds for this project may be used for data collection and analysis, research lab supplies, and student/postdoc/staff/technical support that are directly related to the conduct of the research. Costs subject to CAS approval, such as general-purpose equipment, computers, computer peripherals, office supplies, etc. may not be charged to this project. Salary support for administrative support is not appropriate.
 - Travel expenses directly related to the performance of the research are allowable. Travel to conferences to present research findings is allowable.
 - All federal and institutional rules and regulations regarding the administration of grants apply. These pilot funds are federal funds.
- Budget Justification

- Provide a budget justification following your budget.

Application formatting:

- Use paper size no larger than 8 ½" x 11"
- Provide at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages
- Font size must be 11 points or larger (smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams, and charts is acceptable as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%)
- Text color must be black (color text in figures, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, footnotes, and headings is acceptable)
- The following fonts are acceptable: Arial and Calibri

Review and Award Process

Each application will be reviewed by at least two reviewers. Proposed research should be focused since funds are provided for 12 months. No-cost extensions are not allowed. *Applicants will be notified by early May 2024 if their proposal has been accepted for funding.*

Progress Reports and Citation Requirements

Awardees are required to submit periodic progress reports and to cite the Georgia CTSA NIH award number (**UL1-TR002378**) on all products (publications, patents, presentations) resulting from this award.

For all application questions, please contact: Bekeela Davila Bekeela.davila@emory.edu